(ख) क्या यह सच है कि नई वस्त्र नीति के प्रवर्तन के कारण हथकरघा क्षेत्र को कठिनाई पेश आ रही है, यदि हां, तो इस क्षेत्र के लिये केवल दस वस्तुओं के आरक्षण से इसको क्या लाभ पहुंचेगा ?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री खुर्शीद आलम खान) : (क) नए आरक्षण अधिनियम के अन्तर्गत हथकरघा क्षेत्र में पूरी तरह उत्पादन के लिए बाईस मदों को आरक्षित किया गया है । आरक्षित मदों के लिए कोई कीमतें निर्धारित नहीं की जाती हैं और इस लिए बाजार कीमत तथा वास्तविक कीमत के बीच अन्तर का प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ख) नई वस्त्र नीति लागू होने से हथकरघा क्षेत्र को पैदा होने वाली कठिनाई के सम्बन्ध में भारत सरकार को राज्यों से कोई विशेष रिपोर्टें प्राप्त नहीं हुई हैं । हथकरघा क्षेत्र में उत्पादन के लिए 22 मदों के आरक्षण से इन मदों के सम्बन्ध में अन्य क्षेत्रों से प्रतियोगिता समाप्त करके इन उत्पादों के विपणन में मदद मिलेगी, इस प्रकार उत्पादन में वृद्धि होगी और इससे हथकरघा बुनकरों के लिए बेहतर आय तथा रोजगार सुनिश्चित होगा ।

Tripartite Study Group of fishermen

1076. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has constituted a Tripartite Study Group on Fishermen to look into their working and living conditio]

i he names of Study Group;

(c)' what are the terms of reference thereof; and

the report is Jk be submitted by the Group?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details are given in' the Statement. (See below).

(c) The terms of reference are as under:—^

(i) To identify the different types of fishing boats as well as different categories of fishermen, nature of operations, their working and living conditions, such as hours of work, accidents, fis'hing equipment used, wages|remunerations payable, existing facilities available to the fishermen under housing, drinking water, meditfal aid, scholarships to children etc. and the extent to which 'hey are availing themselves of these benefits;

(ii) to study existing legislative provisions which are applicable to the fishermen (both wage employed and self-employed) and the difficulties which may have arisen from time to time in the implementation of the statutory provisions; and

(iii) to consider and formulate the details of legislative and administrative measures including constitutihn of a welfare fund, by levy of cess on the, manufacturers[export houses 'us may be considered necessary for improvin| the working and living conditions of fishermen.

(d), A National Welfare Fund for tsher'men. has been constituted by the Ministry he Ministry of ricultups and the LState Governments to improve the working and living conditions of fishermen. In vicw of this, it was felt that no-. 5ose would be, served by continuing Study. Group. It ivas, .therefore, been decided thai.the Study Group should be wound up. The notification in this regard is being published.